GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:663
ANSWERED ON:12.05.2005
EXPANSION OF TRANSMISSION CAPACITY
Athawale Shri Ramdas;Nayak Shri Ananta

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a proposal to expand the transmission capacity of Akashvani and Doordarshan during Tenth Plan;

(b) whether any specific proposal has been mooted in this regard for the backward and rural areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 663 REGARDING EXPANSION OF TRANSMISSION CAPACITY TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.05.2005.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) : It has been the endeavour of the Government to expand the coverage of Doordarshan (DD) and All India Radio (AIR) to uncovered and under-served areas, including backward and rural areas.

All AIR/DD terrestrial transmitters cover backward and rural areas within their respective coverage zones. During 10th Five Year Plan period, AIR have comissionied 28 transmitters, while DD have set up 144 transmitters so far, as per details in the Annexure.

The details of 152 radio and 29 TV transmitters which are under implementation are also given in the Annexure.

In addition , the Ku-Band transmission Service (Free to Air DTH) of Doordarshan, with a bouquet comprising 33 TV Channels and 12 radio channels, was launched on 16th December, 2004 to provide coverage to hitherto uncovered and under- served areas. This service can be received anywhere in the country excluding Andaman and Nicobar islands, with the help of a small sized dish receive system.